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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kazumi FURUTA et al  
Serial No. : 10/080,638  
Filed : February 21, 2002  
For : OPTICAL ELEMENT PRODUCING  
METHOD, BASE MATERIAL  
DRAWING METHOD AND BASE  
MATERIAL DRAWING APPARATUS  
Art Unit : 1725  
Examiner : S. M. Heinrich

**RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 30,  
2003, the term for response to which expires on January 30, 2004.

**ELECTION:**

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 86-154, drawn to  
methods, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more Divisional  
Applications for the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed with respect to elected claims 86-154.

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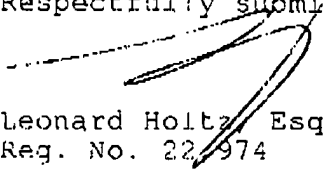
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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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